

Animal Fact Sheet

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Damaraland Mole Rat

Fukomys damarensis

The Damaraland Mole Rat is a subterranean rodent native to the arid and semi-arid regions of southern Africa, particularly Namibia, Botswana, and Angola. It exhibits a highly social, eusocial lifestyle...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Bathyergidae

Habitat: Subterranean burrows in semi-arid grasslands and savannas

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 7-15 years

Weight: 80-180 grams

Scientific name: *Fukomys damarensis*

Did you know?

- Unlike most mammals, Damaraland Mole Rats exhibit a strict division of labor, with only one reproductive female (the queen) in each colony.
- Damaraland Mole Rats live in large eusocial colonies, a rare trait among mammals. They are nearly blind and rely on their sense of touch and smell to...

What I learned
